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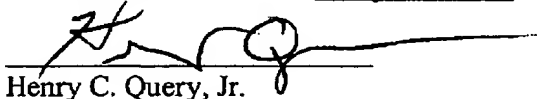
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Amendment

In response to the final Office Action dated February 12, 2003, please
amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims:

Claim 1 has been amended to read as follows:

1(Twice Amended). A gate valve comprising:

an elongated body;

a fluid flow passage which extends generally longitudinally through
the body and includes at least a lateral first branch connected to a longitudinal
second branch;

a gate cavity which is formed in the body and which communicates
with both the first branch and the second branch;